**12. The Cold War and Conflict Abroad: America in the Fifties**

(lecture worksheet)

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| **Important dates:** | **1896 (Plessy v Ferguson), 1947 (Truman Doctrine announced), 1948 1949 (Berlin Blockade began), 1949 (NATO established), 1950 - 1953 (Korean War), 1954 (Brown v Board of Education of Topeka), 1955 (Montgomery Bus Boycott began), 1963 (March on Washington), 1964 (Civil Rights Act)** |
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| **Names & Places:** | **H. Truman, George C. Marshall, Mao Tse-tung, General McArthur, Chiang Kai-shek, Dwight Eisenhower, Senator Joseph McCarthy (of Wisconsin) "McCarthyism", Rosa Parks, M. Luther King Jr.,****The Cold War, the Potsdam Conference, the Policy of Containment, the Truman Doctrine, The Marshall Plan, the Berlin Airlift, the Berlin Crisis, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people (NAACP), Brown versus Board of Education of Topeka, Plessy v. Ferguson, Montgomery (Alabama), Central High School in Little Rock (Arkansas), the Civil Rights Movement, "I Have a Dream" Speech, the Civil Rights Act of 1964,** |
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| **Vocabulary:** | **to announce a new foreign policy, to contain the advancement of communism, to provide aid to countries "threatened" by communist subversion, to refuse the help as the "interference in one’s own home affairs, to organise a system of air transport, to be divided along the 33th parallel, to send UN troops under the command of sb", to conduct investigations into alleged communist infiltration, desegregation of the armed forces, to outlaw racial segregation in public schools, to reverse the principle of "separate but equal", to preach non-violent campaign of civil disobedience, to organise a boycott of bus services** |

**Exam Questions:**

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| 1. | Outline the origins of the Cold War and explain how the policy of containment influenced U. S. foreign policy around the world in the 1950s. (Include references to the Cold War aims, policy containment in Asia and the Middle East, role of Eisenhower, the Berlin Blockade and Korean War.)  |
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| 2. | Discuss the origins, development and achievements of the American Civil Rights movement in the 1950s through 1960s. (Include references to desegregation, Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Little Rock, NAACP, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, role of Martin Luther, Greensboro sit-ins, March on Washington, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Malcolm X.)  |
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| 3. | Outline the political background and compare the forms of political persecution in the United States during the McCarthy era with the political repression in the totalitarian Czechoslovakia between 1948 - 1953.  |